

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-26 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 9, 15, and 21 being the independent claims. Claims 1-22 and 25-26 are sought to be amended for clarity. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute similar or broader claims, with respect to the amended claims, in the future. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Claim Objection

Claim 26 was objected to for a typographical error. Based on the amendments above, Applicant respectfully requests the objection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claims 1-18, 20-21 and 25-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,047,259 to Campbell et al. ("Campbell"). Claims 19, 22, 23, and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Campbell. Applicant respectfully traverses.

Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejections, claims 1, 9, 15, and 21 have been amended to clarify their distinguishing features. For example, claim 1 recites "a My menu block which displays **shortcut icons for activating the physician's preference menu items selected by the physician** among the all menu items" and claim 1 recites the physician's web screen comprises **all blocks** of the user information display block, the main menu block, the My menu block, the patient information input block and the patient information input block **on singular screen**. Claims 9, 15, and 21 recite similar distinguishing features, using respective language.

Campbell teaches a software system for managing a health care practice that includes interactive software tools for conducting a physical exam, suggesting tentative diagnosis, and managing a treatment protocol. (*See Abstract*). The physical exam

software guides the user through a physical exam, prompting the user for input and dynamically generating context sensitive questions based on prior input. The diagnosis software generates a list of possible diagnoses based on the observations recorded from the physical exam. (*See id*). The user can interactively select a diagnosis by selecting a diagnosis from a rule out list and watching the display as the system dynamic updates the status of unresolved symptoms. (*See id*). The user can also select a treatment protocol, which is integrated with future physical exams. (*See id*). The treatment protocol is integrated such that future exam sessions reflect the status of the treatment protocol and remind the user which services need to be performed and when they should be performed. (*See id*).

However, although a general medical computer system is disclosed that automates medical exam and diagnosis, Campbell fails to disclose (nor does it teach or suggest) at least the above noted distinguishing features of claims 1, 9, 15, and 21. Therefore, Campbell does not anticipate claims 1, 9, 15, and 21.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 9, 15, and 21, and find them allowable. Also, at least based on their respective dependencies to claims 1, 9, 15, and 21, all pending dependent claims should be found allowable, as well as for their additional distinguishing features.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

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